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TESCO: SO SORRY FOR WEE MESS

A PREGNANT woman was left embarrassed and angry after staff at a Tesco store on the isle refused to let her use the toilets.

Claire Brown and her boyfriend Marc Rattigan, a professional Prince William lookalike, were doing their weekly shop in Tesco in Northdown Road, Cliftonville, on Sunday afternoon when Claire asked to use the loo.

The request was denied by staff because customers are not insured to use the staff conveniences.

Unfortunately, Claire, 24, was so desperate to go she could not hold on and nature took its course in the store.

EXCLUSIVE

BY TOM BETTS

Marc, also 24, was fuming with Tesco and demanded an apology from the store that they frequently use.

His dad Tom said: "Claire begged with them, but they wouldn't let her use it. They point-blank refused and Marc and Claire were stunned. They were appalled and so am I. We are so angry about this. All she wanted to do was spend a penny."

He added: "Other customers saw her and it was so embarrassing. Tesco's motto is 'every little helps', but I find

that laughable. I find their behaviour disgusting, especially as Claire was pregnant."

The complaint prompted an apology from Britain's biggest retailer, which has now given the couple a goodwill gesture of a £10 voucher and a bunch of flowers.

A spokeswoman said: "We are sorry for any embarrassment caused to the customer. The Cliftonville store is a Metro store, so due to limited space there are no customer toilets and customers are not insured to use staff toilets. In this case the member of staff was just being overcautious."

Claire has since given birth to baby boy Ellis, who is well and healthy.

He weighed six pounds, five ounces.



Claire Brown, who was pregnant with her new son Ellis, received a £10 voucher and flowers from Tesco after staff refused to let her use the toilet

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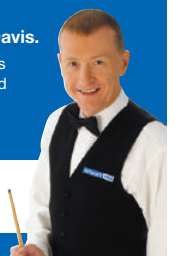
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At last! It's decision time for Gateway

■ BY TOM BETTS

THE future of Phase 1 of the China Gateway project will finally be decided tomorrow night (Thursday).

The council chambers will host the debate at an extraordinary meeting of the full council where councillors will cast their votes to approve, or refuse, the application.

It was deferred by the planning committee in August, and since then the issue has developed into the isle's hottest topic.

An hour has been given over to tomorrow's debate, which starts at the council's Cecil Square offices at 6pm. A majority vote will carry the decision.

The development has been the subject of months of meetings, arguments and debate. It is anticipated that approval of Phase 1, at Manston Business Park, which is designated for development in the local plan, would see applications for Phases 2 and 3 follow from Commercial Group Properties, the company behind the application.

Campaigners keen to monitor the project say that many facets of the plans are ill thought out.

They point to concerns about the amount of traffic it would generate, the proximity of hundreds of HGVs to aquifers which supply much of the isle's water, the disruption that would blight Acol and doubts over the number and type of jobs that would be available.

However, Thanet council leader Sandy Ezekiel has told the local media that he considers the scheme important to the isle's economy.

Thanet South MP Steven Ladyman has come out in full support of the scheme, although his Thanet North counterpart Roger Gale has been more guarded, citing concerns over the number of jobs created.

It is thought that protesters may gather outside the council building to voice their worries one last time.

One man firmly in support of the

scheme is Cliftonville property developer Philip Emanuel, who says Thanet could be deprived of what he calls a "great opportunity".

He said: "To ignore this opportunity would be bad news for Thanet. To throw it away would be wrong."

"One of the most powerful business countries in the world is going to be China and if we throw an opportunity from the Chinese government away we'll never see them again."

"If it was a American or German company, then we would be bending over backwards for them."

Outspoken

Paul Wells, a former teacher, also from Cliftonville, has been one of the most outspoken critics of the project.

He said: "Many of us accept good industrial development to provide good sustainable jobs on Manston Business Park is part of the Thanet Plan - it has occurred there already."

"But that's it - no more prime agricultural land should be squandered on other phases."

"There is real concern that this 'stand-alone' application is flawed in simple planning terms."

Mr Wells believes that as well as Cllr Ezekiel and his deputy, Cllr Roger Latchford, not being present at tomorrow evening's meeting, the council's entire cabinet should stay away from the vote.

He said: "They have failed to consult the people of Thanet and their councillors as to whether they were prepared to have an inland 'Dover Docks' with as many as 5,600 HGV journeys per day built in the rural heart of Thanet."

"It's about time an unbiased and independent planning inspector looked at the whole thing."

"A rejection of the present plan by our councillors would achieve this in one easy step. He would have to enforce stringent measures to protect the aquifer as required by the Environment Agency and Southern Water and we should not assume his conditions would be lax, as has been suggested in some quarters."

• Read Philip Emanuel's China Gateway blog on page 13

Dad sets up internet hunt for son's killer

A WEBSITE to gather information on the David O'Leary shooting has gone online.

The site, www.whokilleddavid.co.uk, went live early last week.

David's father Danny O'Leary said: "My friend, who is a bit of a wizard at this kind of thing, set it up. Hopefully it will bring some more information into the open."

Mr O'Leary says any details gathered will be sent on to police.

David O'Leary died from gunshot wounds after an incident at his home in Valley Road, Lydden, in the early hours of Saturday, March 1, 2008.

He had been on a night out in Margate and returned home with his girlfriend, who escaped unharmed.

Summer sport days for young are a hit

MORE than 600 young people took part in Sport 4 NRG sessions over the summer holidays.

The Thanet council-funded initiative provided sporting opportunities for 12- to 17-year-olds to keep them active, occupied and out of trouble.

Weekly beach volleyball and beach football sessions on Ramsgate, Broadstairs and Margate beaches for both boys and girls were well attended.

Other activities including golf, basketball, rounders, baseball, surfing and sailing were also popular.

Playground plans to be revealed

AN INFORMATION day for people to find out more about plans for a Viking-themed playground in Cliftonville will be held this week.

The Newgate Playscape, a project being led by the Margate Renewal Partnership, will be built at Newgate, alongside Ethelbert Crescent.

The centerpiece will be a Viking ship with a three-metre slide, climbing ropes and nets in a landscaped area for children aged two to 12.

The session takes place on Friday, October 10, at Cliftonville primary school from 3pm to 4.30pm.

Military vehicles on exhibition at tower

CRAMPIONS Tower and Museum in Broadstairs will hold a show of classic military vehicles this month.

On Saturday, October 25, the Manston History Museum and the Manston Fire Museum will present the show, from 10am.

After a funding shortfall was made up, the museum, which some feared would close, will be presenting its usual events.




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Papa wasn't on his phone

Angry driver fined for using mobile while driving asks court to DOUBLE penalty

■ BY TOM BETTS

A MOTORIST who copped a hefty fine for using his mobile phone while he was behind the wheel is appealing to the authorities to INCREASE his fine.

Adam Papa-Adams is seething that he was prosecuted for driving while on the phone because, he says, it never happened.

He was pulled over in August 2007 for the offence and, despite his protestations of innocence, was found guilty.

Mr Papa-Adams appealed the decision but lost it two weeks ago at Thanet court.

He said: "I was hit with a £500 fine and nearly £200 court costs for this, which is ridiculous as I wasn't on the phone, I was on my hands-free kit."

"I am an avid phone-user, but there's no way I use it like that when I'm driving. I appealed the original decision but lost unfortunately, which is madness."

Mr Papa is now insisting that his fine is doubled as he wants to make a point. He will match any increased fine and give it to charity to help sick children.

He said: "I never got justice, so I want to make a big deal about it. Hopefully they will double it to £1,000 and I'll match that and give it to the Rainbow Ward at the QEQM Hospital."

Mr Papa-Adams, a 47-year-old developer and businessman from Palm Bay, says that if the fine is not raised he will drive past the courts with a phone in his hand so he will get another fine at the risk of losing his driving licence.

"I don't even care if I lose my licence, it's a matter of principle. If I have to, I'll get a chauffeur for the new car that is arriving next week," he said.

Mr Papa-Adams was fined for the offence after he was stopped by police in Gladstone Road, Broadstairs, on August 26, 2007.

He declined to pay the £60 on-the-spot fine and accept three points on his licence.

Kent Police's Insp Nick Fordom said: "A court has made a decision and we welcome that decision in this case."

"We hope it acts as a strong deterrent to those drivers who persist on using their mobile phones while at the wheel."

"I am sure the Rainbow Ward at the Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother Hospital in Margate would be delighted with such a generous donation."



FINED: Adam Papa-Adams says he was using his hands-free kit while driving, but a court ruled against his appeal. He now wants to make a point by having his penalty increased and he will match the sum and donate it to sick children.

College to celebrate a design milestone

THANET College is celebrating 25 years of art and design at its Broadstairs site.

To mark the silver anniversary, the college's creative arts department is planning a two-day exhibition and inviting former students to contribute.

Course leader Christine Jeffries would like to get in touch with students who studied art and design between 1983 and the present day.

She said: "We would love to know what you've been up to since you left us, so please get in touch."

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Pair get life for murdering man in brutal attack

TWO men have been sentenced to a total of 28 years in jail for murder after viciously attacking a man who later died in hospital.

Duncan Shelbourne, of Dalby Square in Cliftonville, was given a 16-year jail sentence at Maidstone Crown Court on Thursday.

A jury found the 46-year-old guilty of murder on September 16.

Kyle Eames, 22, of no fixed address, was sentenced to 12 years in prison after he earlier pleaded guilty to murder.

The men attacked Alan Parker, 44, in March last year. He was found seriously injured in the public toilets in Fifth Avenue in Cliftonville and died later in hospital.

Detective Sergeant Claire Munday said: "The victim was a vulnerable man who was left unable to summon help after this vicious attack."

"I hope the sentences give Mr Parker's family some sense that justice has been done."

Detective Chief Inspector Dean Barnes, who led the investigation,



CONVICTED: Duncan Shelbourne (left) and Kyle Eames were found guilty of brutal attack said after Shelbourne was found guilty: "The prosecution has always believed that two persons were directly responsible for Mr Parker's murder and although Duncan Shelbourne refused to acknowledge his part he has been found guilty."

"We would once again express our condolences to Mr Parker's family. Kent Police also wish to thank all those who came forward as witnesses in this trial."

"Their co-operation was fundamental to the success of the trial."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Pavilion future secured by 'perfect relationship'

A LEASE which will secure the future of Westgate Pavilion has been agreed.

The agreement is between Thanet council and a new company, Westgate Pavilion Limited.

It follows public meetings earlier this year, when the future of the venue was debated.

Costs under the Disability Discrimination Act were seen as a threat to the pavilion being able to continue in its current form.

Ideas such as combining it with a doctors' surgery were put forward and a campaign to save the pavilion was launched.

The new company will continue to offer the pavilion for use for community functions and events. It also plans to attract visitors with a range of events.

Director Kevin Crace said: "It has been the perfect relationship between private enterprise and local government. We appreciate the support of the council in working towards this agreement."

Labour deputy Harman rallies party faithful

HARRIET Harman, the deputy leader of the Labour Party, addressed supporters at a dinner in Ramsgate's Pegwell Hotel last week.

In her speech on Thursday, she praised Prime Minister Gordon Brown.

She said: "Gordon understands the problems of the world financial crisis better than anyone and he will steer the country through."

Ms Harman also stressed the need for Labour to take control of Thanet council in 2011 and to return Labour county councillors Alan Poole, Liz Green and Clive Hart in next year's county elections.

The dinner was attended by about 50 supporters and raised £500 for election funds.

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THANET EARTH JOBS DRIVE BEGINS



Jobs at the vast Thanet Earth greenhouse development near Monkton will soon be available as bosses begin a recruitment drive aimed at filling 550 posts.

Archaeological digs at the 91-hectare site have finished and the commercial growing of tomatoes, peppers and cucumbers will soon begin as three of the seven greenhouses near completion.

Phase 1 of the recruitment drive will see management roles filled, with Phase 2, in which those managers pick their teams, to follow soon. The jobs include customer managers, technical and logistics staff, finance workers,

stock and quality controllers, planners, packers, machine operators and warehouse, admin and support workers.

The first crops should be planted by the end of the year, with the first harvest expected in the spring. The glasshouses are owned by Thanet Earth's partner companies, but applications can still be made through the site owners, who will forward them on to Red Star Trading, Rainbow Growers and A&A.

The jobs will be advertised on www.thanetearth.com, while enquiries can be made via email to jobs@thanetearth.com, or by phoning 01892 835577.

'Everyone knew about £500k cost of parish'

RAMSGATE First leader Gerry O'Donnell has defended the reported £500,000 cost of a new parish council for the town.

Mr O'Donnell, who also intends to stand for Parliament at the next general election, has been the driving force behind the push for the authority and says he has been transparent with the information since the campaign got under way.

He said: "I have always said it would cost that over about a three-year period."

"We included this in leaflets circulated before we did the petition and I have proof of that, so people did know."

The town council will be set up next year and looks likely to cost each taxpayer about £32 a year.

■ BY TOM BETTS

The cost would rise from the £9 a year paid to the charter trustees. Thanet is set to become one of the first places in the country to establish a parish or town council under new legislation.

Mr O'Donnell said: "The information was on the leaflets two years ago and we told the people of Ramsgate that when they signed the petition."

"We told them the good news and the bad, and made it clear it was their choice. We have been up front with all the facts."

"We dropped 15,000 leaflets through doors and although some said they didn't want it, the rest signed. The figures were based on the views of the Deputy Prime Minister at the time, John Prescott, who estimated in 2005

that parish councils cost ratepayers an extra £22 to £24 a year."

A report will go before a full meeting of Thanet council tomorrow (Thursday), asking members to approve the making of an order.

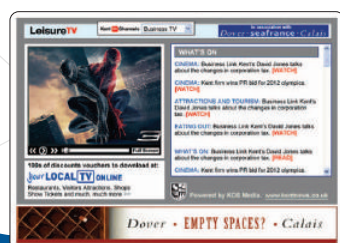
It could become effective on April 1, 2009. Legislation changes have held up the moves since 2005, but Thanet council will be donating £50,000 to help with start-up costs.

Chief executive Richard Samuel said: "This process has been exceptionally complex, due to changes in the law."

"We are one of the first councils to go through this under the new legislation and that has led to lots of questions and the need to make additional checks as we go through."

"It has taken longer than anticipated, but we need to get this right so we can be certain the new parish council is created lawfully and is not open to legal challenge in the future."

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Roman shoreline find thrills fort excavators

EXPERTS leading a dig at Richborough fort near Sandwich have discovered the original Roman coastline – two miles inland from the sea.

The find dates back 2,000 years to the time of the Roman invasion of Britain in AD43 when Richborough was the main port of entry into the UK.

English Heritage archaeologist Tony Wilmott has been leading the dig for five weeks and he and his team are thrilled with their discoveries.

He said "It is widely known that Richborough was the gateway to Roman Britain.

"But what is really exciting is that we have found the foreshore while digging in a deep trench alongside the remains of a Roman wall. "The bottom of the trench continuously fills

■ BY MARIJKE COX

with water and by trowelling you can feel the hard surface which was the Roman beach.

"We have long been curious about this fallen fort wall and now we know there was a Roman harbour there."

Another unexpected discovery was also made. Mr Wilmott said: "We found the fallen wall was reused in the 14th century to create a small dock for a little boat still moving up and down what was left of the Wantsum Channel.

"We don't know if it was still sea, as in the Roman period, or river water – later scientific evidence will sort that out.

"This is an exciting discovery from a time when all maritime activity was thought to be going through Sandwich. Richborough was supposed to be silted up and no longer useable."

During the Roman era, the fort overlooked a sheltered lagoon where invading forces first landed.

Mr Wilmott said: "It was one of the major ports at that time and sat on the Wantsum Channel. It was a very sheltered place to bring a fleet and establish a port and it thrived for at least two centuries."

The dig also uncovered small artefacts such as Roman coins and fragments of Italian marble thought to be from a triumphal arch built at Richborough in about 80AD to commemorate the conquest of Britain.

Mr Wilmott said: "The next step is scientific analysis of the samples to confirm the dating and nature of the estuary or river.

"An awful lot of things will come up in the samples – it could take months.

"Then we write it up, publish it and gradually it will get into the history books."



A HOLE LOT TO DISCOVER

Archaeologist Tony Wilmott stands on the remains of a wall looking down at an area believed to be what's left of a Roman beach.

Fragments of pottery and building materials have been found in the ditch, at Richborough Roman fort, thought to be from around the fourth century. The bottom of the hole continuously fills with water and English Heritage archaeologists have found a hard surface below which would have been the original beach.

The month-long dig along the 90-metre section of collapsed wall has not only led to the discovery of the Roman coastline, but also a medieval dock.

Terry has a senior moment

THE isle's Neighbourhood Watch coordinator reckons he has hit on a great idea for keeping us all that little bit safer.

Terry McCormick, who is based at Margate police station, says services that deal with the vulnerable and elderly can help spread useful information among their clients. He calls the idea Senior Watch.

Services such as meals on wheels, community nurses, day centres and retirement clubs can sign up for updates on bogus officials, rogue traders and the like so they can pass on information and raise awareness.

Mr McCormick said: "This allows us to

communicate with members of the community who may otherwise slip through the net when it comes to advice and information from the police and other organisations."

Hundreds of people are now receiving Senior Watch updates and the scheme is being expanded to include people with learning difficulties.

Mr McCormick said: "People receive information from a trusted means, including carers and nurses, and they receive it quickly."

Age Concern at Margate is among those receiving email updates and displaying the information for all clients to see.

Gym'll help fix it

NEW equipment for the QEQM Hospital in Margate has been donated by the League of Friends, Round Table and Rotary Club.

Balance balls, an exercise bike, a plinth and many other smaller pieces will be used in the refurbished rehabilitation gym.

The equipment will be especially useful to those in the St Augustine's rehab ward, Fordwich stroke unit and other acute medical wards.

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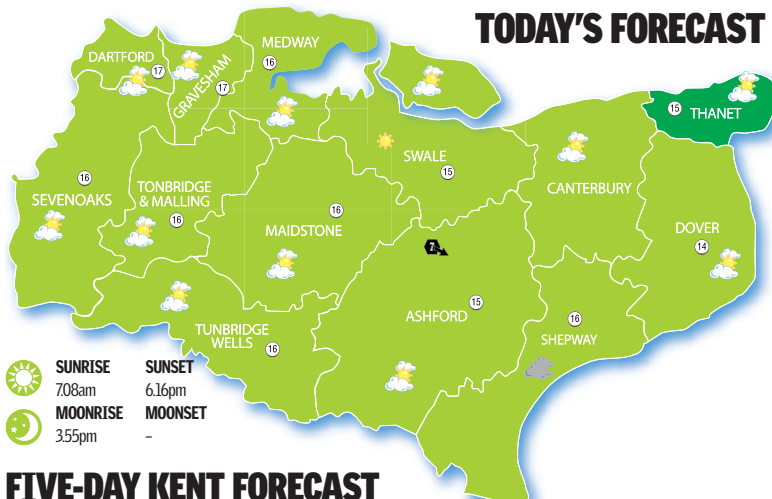
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Quartet jailed for raid on bookies

FOUR men have been sentenced for robbing a Ramsgate bookmakers.

The quartet, who were involved in the raid on Coral in Newington Road on April 17, were arrested by police officers near Monkton as they tried to escape.

A patrol saw a blue Fiat Stilo, matching witnesses' description, heading out of Ramsgate. The car also triggered an automatic number plate recognition system, a camera which scans all vehicles travelling past.

PC Dan Bowley, PC Stuart Skaife, PC Daniel Pearce, PC James Sutcliffe and PC Ian Atkins, with his dog Darkov - pursued the men through gardens and across fields after they had run from the car, which they abandoned in Collards Close, Monkton.

Those arrested were Jonathan Tetteh, 19, Michael Hermitt, 20, and Dwayne Lock, 19, all of Upper Norwood, London, and Stewart Robinson, 20, of no fixed address.

Robinson was sentenced to four years, with 12 months to run concurrently for a robbery at the same branch of Coral on March 25 and another offence in London.

Tetteh was sentenced to two years for the robbery plus six months to run concurrently for the attempted robbery of a customer in the bookmakers during the raid.

Hermitt and Lock received 20-month sentences for robbery.

During the raid, almost £500 was taken, along with £5 from the wallet of a staff member. Property and the money from the bookmakers were recovered in Monkton.

The officers were commended by Judge Anthony Webb at the Canterbury Crown Court sentencing last Thursday.

Also commended was Det Sgt Jon Smith and Det Con Steve East, based at Margate police station, who led the investigation.

A High Sheriff of Kent Commendation will be awarded to a 73-year-old man who was in the bookmakers at the time and raised the alarm at a nearby post office.

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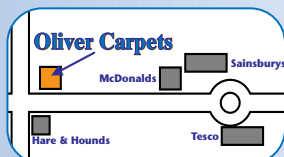
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QUESTION & ANSWER

MARTIN CHEEK



Q Who or what brings you to Thanet, Martin?

A I met my wife Margaret at the Royal Academy in 1983 (I think!). Margaret was living with her mother here in Broadstairs. We got married in 1987 and lived in Fulham until Margaret's mother died in 1994. Our second child, Mollie, was born shortly after and we decided to move to the family home. I thought that if we left London I would never get any work – that I wouldn't be able to earn a living here as an artist, but it's been fine.

Q And what do you do for a living?

A I am a mosaic artist. I make mosaics to commission, often working with schools and the community. I have recently completed a 'flagship walking route' project with Kent County Council. I made ten mosaics based on the work of Turner with Holy Trinity School in Margate and 24 mosaics based on Dickens characters with Upton School in Broadstairs. I run mosaic courses from our beautiful house in Broadstairs. Flint House was built in 1720 when the two shipwright families, the Wrights and the Culmers, joined forces – Joseph Wright married Mary Culmer. The house is a perfect venue for art courses.

I have also written five best-selling books on mosaics, including Mosaic Art, which is a monograph of the first 15 years of my mosaic-making 'career'. I am currently working towards an exhibition of my bird mosaics to be

held at Peter Scott's Wildfowl and Wetlands Centre at Slimbridge next year.

Q Making mosaics, is it a painstaking process?

A Everyone says "Oh you must be SO patient", but it's all relative – you should see me waiting for a bus. Seriously, though – if you are interested in something then it is not boring – only boring people get bored!

I like experimenting with new techniques and materials. I was recently on The Weakest Link – I won £2,000, which allowed me to buy a kiln for fusing glass – this has had a dramatic impact on my recent work.

Q Where in Thanet do you spend most of your time?

A In my studio! I'm also a frequent visitor to Bannatynes gym at Westwood Cross – though to look at me you might be forgiven for thinking "Not frequent enough!"

I like the beaches, of course. We are one minute from Viking Bay – my son Tom is a surfer and hardly ever off the beach. I don't spend as much time there as he does, but I do enjoy it when I make the effort.

Q Where do you see yourself in five years' time?

A If I'm lucky, I'll still be here doing exactly what I am now. I don't subscribe to the idea of growth – sometimes staying still can also be an achievement. That said, I'd like to do more

3-D work. Bernie, my assistant, and I made a 7ft giraffe last year, which was great fun, and I've designed some cat fountains which I would like to make for a children's hospital or somewhere else appropriate.

Q Who is your inspiration?

A My children Tom and Mollie are a great inspiration to me. I don't do the hero worship thing, but I admire Ronald Searle more than any other living artist. I stopped looking at his work for about 20 years – it was influencing me too much – but now I don't care. If you are going to be influenced by anyone, make sure it's the best.

Q What one object would you rescue if your house was on fire?

A My rabbit Chippy – Jessie the cat can jump high enough to rescue himself.

Q If you had one wish for Thanet, what would it be?

A That the high-speed rail link to London will actually happen. The reason Whitstable is doing so well is because it is within easy reach of London – that extra half-hour to Thanet puts most travellers off. Oh, and that I get commissioned to make lots more mosaics – but that's two wishes.

• To get in touch with Martin email: martin@martincheek.com or visit www.martincheek.co.uk.

Q & A The talented mosaic artist talks to **Tom Betts** about his love of the job and how an appearance on television's The Weakest Link allowed him to buy a vital kiln. His cat, Jessie, meanwhile, had better keep in training...

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Exercise keeps terror forces ready for attack

BY NICK AMES

A MAJOR anti-terrorism exercise is taking place across the county this week involving police and Army units.

It started on Monday with a demonstration of bomb-disposal techniques at the Kent Police training centre in Maidstone.

But Exercise Border Fist also took place at other locations over the last three days and is continuing until Friday.

It involves police officers inventing alert situations and contacting the Army, which responds as if it was a real emergency.

Deputy Chief Constable Adrian Leppard said: "This is a way for us to examine how effective our co-operation with other agencies such as the Army is, as well as test out our command and control structure."

Major Mark Austin of the military's Royal Logistics Corps added: "We are playing this for real – responding to incidents exactly as we would a real emergency."

Exact details of the mock alerts have not been released as those involved are still evaluating results – and details of any future exercises cannot be revealed or the results would be meaningless.

"We can't say what's going to happen as that would give the Army information they would not have in a real-life emergency," said Mr Leppard.

Monday's exercise was based on the scenario of a post office robbery in which the raiders had left an improvised nail-bomb outside the building to tie down police units.

It took place in a mocked-up street used by the force for training operations.

Soldiers from a Folkestone-based bomb-disposal squadron took part alongside police.

"Our team arrived with the area cordoned off, as would happen in a real alert," said Warrant Officer Andy Stedman.

"We then deployed what we call the wheel-



CONCENTRATION: Sgt David Humphreys is well protected before he embarks on the long walk to make the bomb safe

barrow – a robot bomb-disposal device which can approach the bomb and relay pictures back to our command truck."

The robot is equipped with a weapon on its front which fires an intense burst of cold water to knock out the explosive circuits and render the device safe.

"It's a system we have developed from long experience," said WO Stedman. "It acts in a nano-second and prevents the timing device from detonating."

A soldier in a 42kg anti-blast suit then goes up to the device to ensure it no longer poses a threat.

Sergeant David Humphreys took on the role

during the exercise – he has done it for real in British Army operations abroad.

"We call it the long walk," he said. "It's 100 per cent concentration – there is no room for nerves."

After he is sure the device is no longer a threat he collects evidence such as materials and possible fingerprints.

"This exercise went well," said Mr Leppard. "But we have to be vigilant. Anyone seeing anything suspicious should contact the police, whether or not an operation like this is running."

"If they do call us and it is just an exercise we will know."

Chief undecided about top job

KENT'S Chief Constable Michael Fuller has confirmed he is considering applying to become the next Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police.

In an exclusive interview, the county's top officer told our sister paper Kent on Sunday that he had not decided yet if he should enter the contest to succeed Sir Ian Blair, who stepped down on Thursday afternoon.

Bookmaker William Hill has slashed the odds on Mr Fuller, who is 49, taking Britain's top policing job from 14/1 to 10/1.

And asked if he was putting his name forward, Mr Fuller told KoS: "I haven't decided about it yet, I am genuinely undecided."

"I know the demands of the job and it's something I will give a lot of thought to. It's not something I would take on lightly."

Before joining Kent Police as chief constable in January 2004, Mr Fuller had been with the Met since starting as a cadet in 1975. When he arrived he was already tipped to be a strong candidate for the Met Commissioner's post.

Violent

While with the Met he came up with a strategy that led to the Met's anti-burglary initiative, Operation Bumblebee. He also established Operation Trident, the campaign to stop black-on-black gun crime, and helped set up the Racial and Violent Crime Task Force.

As a detective superintendent based in the Home Office, he gave regular advice to the Home Secretary and was later appointed deputy assistant commissioner (director of intelligence) at New Scotland Yard.

He is known to value "police operational independence and political neutrality", and describes his style as "firm but fair with a no-nonsense approach".

In the past he has spoken out to back his rank-and-file officers in their battle with the Government over pay.

Race is an ever-present issue in the capital, and under Mr Fuller's command Kent is one of only two forces to receive an 'excellent' rating for diversity.

Mr Fuller holds an honorary doctorate of laws from Sussex University and the University of East London. He is a non-practising barrister and was called to the Bar at Lincoln's Inn in July, 2007.

Kent Police Authority renewed Mr Fuller's appointment as chief constable three weeks ago.

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Why people's choice for 'Angel of the South' was cast aside

EXCLUSIVE

BY IAN PATEL

ONE of the public's favourite designs for the giant £2 million landmark at Ebbsfleet – dubbed the 'Angel of the South' – has been dumped, it emerged this week.

The confidential results of a major public consultation, exclusively obtained by our sister paper Kent On Sunday, also revealed that one of the designs still in the running was one of the least popular.

Judges named a shortlist of three designs by Daniel Buren, Richard Deacon and Mark Wallinger last week.

But the results of the consultation show a design by Christopher Le Brun, backed by 49 per cent of the public, failed to make it through to the next round of the selection process.

A design by Rachel Whitteread, who grew up in Ebbsfleet, was also dropped by judges.

Nest

However, Richard Deacon's design, which was backed by only 14 per cent of people, was shortlisted by the selection panel chaired by the director of Margate's Turner Contemporary, Victoria Pomery.

The geometrical design would be a painted steel latticework outlining a "stack" of 26 differently shaped polyhedrons, which he describes as a "nest".

The fact that there would be 26 "modules" is to reflect that there are 26 letters of the alphabet, because Mr Deacon sees writing as the cornerstone of western culture.

But his inspiration seems to have been lost on some of the public, one of whom described the work as "take three Curly Wurlys and apply gentle heat. Freeze and put into a display case."

More than 40,000 shoppers at Bluewater took



CONFLICTING IDEAS: Christopher Le Brun's design was ditched despite being popular in a public consultation, while the least favoured 'latticework nest' by Richard Deacon has been shortlisted for the proposed 'Angel of the South' at Ebbsfleet

part in a three-month consultation from May to August. A further 10,000 people submitted their comments via the internet.

The iconic sculpture will stand at Springhead Park looking out over Ebbsfleet Valley, Ebbsfleet International station and the Thames Estuary.

The giant Ebbsfleet Landmark Project is being billed as the UK's largest and most significant public art commission since Antony Gormley's Angel of the North.

Eurostar, Land Securities and London & Continental Railways, the company behind High Speed 1 which will provide fast rail links between London and Kent next year, have organised the project.

Mark Wallinger's design for a white horse was the early favourite to win the commission, though Kent County Council has been trying to organise opposition to the design, claiming a prancing Invicta-style design would be more appropriate.



Racism on rise in county's schools

THE number of racist incidents reported at schools across the county has risen sharply during the last four years, according to a BBC investigation.

Cases involving pupils and teachers increased by more than 50 per cent, from 596 incidents in 2003/2004, to 901 in 2006/2007, according to the report.

During 2006/2007, 41 per cent of schools in the county reported racist incidents.

Statistics made available following a Freedom of Information request by BBC Radio Kent showed Mascalls School, a comprehensive in Paddock Wood, had the highest number of incidents with 31 in 2006/7.

Minster College in Sheerness had 18 incidents, the second highest number in the county.

Michelle Hunt, KCC access to information co-ordinator, said: "We are unaware if the numbers reported indicate the establishment of a robust system whereby the whole school can report incidents in the knowledge that issues will be handled sensitively, or an increase in prevalence."

Report highlights fire brigade efforts

FIRE-FIGHTERS are rescuing almost 400 people a year from blazes and road crashes, according to figures from the county branch of the Fire Brigades Union.

Between 1997 and 2006 more than 3,000 people were saved by Kent fire crews. The FBU said the figures were based on Freedom of Information requests, answers to parliamentary questions and official UK fire statistics, and do not include people evacuated for their own safety.

Ricky Matthews of the FBU's southern region said: "Everyone in the fire service knows there is terrible human tragedy behind all these incidents."

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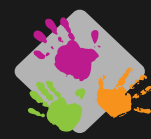
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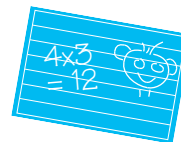
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Silvers were awarded for her performance in the patterns discipline and the team special event involving a high-jumping technique to break boards.

The bronze was won for Joann's performance in another event in which she took on a much older and bigger girl.

The latest medal haul follows recent successes such as the winning of a world kick-boxing title, and since her last appearance Joann has been successful in attracting sponsorship to help her develop her talents.

Dumpton Park Garage and Blaze Neon have both recognised the importance of nurturing her ability and are providing Joann with the support she needs to develop her experience and potential.

Joann is now focusing on preparations for more world-title shots when she travels to an event in Uruguay.



MEDALS: Joann Rolison

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CHAMPIONS: Chatham House Grammar School's battery car racers waited for the opposition to run out of energy before storming into the lead to qualify for the national finals at Goodwood

BATTERY car racers from Chatham House Grammar School are the eastern regional champions.

The team from the Ramsgate school won the tournament at Bedford Autodrome and now go forward to the national finals at the world-famous Goodwood racing circuit on October 19.

The school has pioneered the environmentally-friendly competition for six years, with students and technician Lester Edmeades designing and building cars from meagre resources to great effect, remaining in the top ten nationwide.

Mr Edmeades is pleased with the tactical

■ BY TOM BETTS

knowledge used in the race success at Bedford.

He said: "By the end of the four-hour race we were 13 laps and over seven miles clear of the rest of the pack."

"From the start, several teams went off very quickly and were travelling noticeably faster than us. We knew from experience at this short, tight circuit that too much initial speed would lead to reduced performance in the latter stages of the race because of low battery power."

"So we resisted the temptation to travel too

quickly by reducing our gearing and saving power."

"This paid handsome dividends. By the half-way stage we were back up with the leaders and lapping the half-mile circuit ten seconds faster than our nearest rivals."

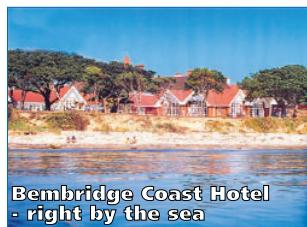
"In the closing laps the fast starters were falling by the wayside with forced retirements and exhausted batteries. Our final lap was within four seconds of our fastest and we completed the race with power in the battery."

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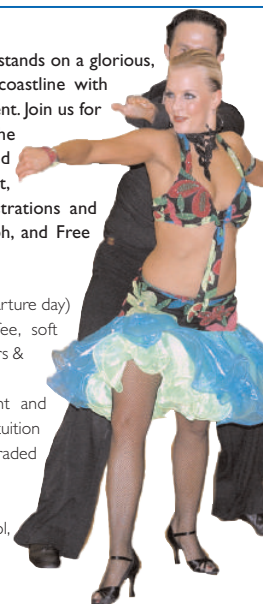
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Property developer Philip Emanuel argues the case for China Gateway



This plan will put isle's economy back on track

I HAVE businesses in the UK, America and France. There can be no tougher time than the present trading conditions we find ourselves in today.

The United States is going through its worst economic downturn since the great depression and the UK is not far behind, so why are a few trying to sabotage China Gateway?

Is it that they have jobs and are not bothered that those who do not remain unemployed? They claim to be the voice of the people of Thanet – well, they are not my voice.

They are self-appointed campaigners who have latched on to a bandwagon for their own self-promotion. It could have been any so-called cause.

I have lived in Thanet for more than 30 years and care about our environs. Living in the Cliftonville area, I have seen good times as well as the current situation of near-poverty, high crime and wasted lives.

The council is doing its bit to ensure job creation happens, so let's back the China

Gateway and let the minority of protesters know that the vast majority of residents want to see Thanet become a far wealthier area.

The China Gateway is going to be built on land allocated for business, not prime farmland, propaganda I have heard mentioned by others that do not want to see the scheme go through.

As a local man, the Manston Business Park is known as The Loop, a place that is of no use to farming as it is already covered in concrete!

I have read the report and can find no just reason to stop it. Our water will be safe, not because Thanet council tells us, but because both the Environment Agency and Southern Water do.

The lorry movements are far less than those against would have us believe. The dual carriageway has the capacity to take any increase.

I cannot believe HGVs will go through Acol – why should they? The village stands to gain the most, with house prices increasing

due to its proximity to the business park. My genuine concern is that it will become even harder for first-time buyers to afford such increases.

There are many that already rely on China for employment in Thanet. Companies such as Hornby Hobbies moved their production there.

If they hadn't, they would not be able to compete in a global market. Our government is happy to talk trade with China and invest our money there, so why are a few trying to stop the Chinese investing their money in Thanet?

I ask our councillors to remember they also represent the silent majority that want to see employment opportunities here in Thanet, not go to some other area in Britain.

So I ask them to please support the application tomorrow.

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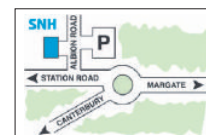
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TALK TIME

BRIAN SLEIGHTHOLM

Brian Sleightholm is 74 years old and is chairman of the St Peter's Village Tour Group



Who or what brought you to Thanet?

I spent 44 years working for what is now the NatWest Bank. In my day you went where you were told.

I started in London and then spent seven years working in Oxford. My wife and I then moved to Kent, living in Ashford first and then in Broadstairs.

I worked in the Broadstairs, Birchington, and Cliftonville branches and thoroughly enjoyed my career. On my retirement my wife and I decided to stay here.

Could you tell us a little about the St Peter's village tour?

A week after I retired, five colleagues and I showed a party around St Peter's Church in Broadstairs, which gave us the idea of a guided tour around the village, starting and finishing at the church.

We are now in our 14th season and have had more than 16,000 visitors of all ages from across the world.

The tour is on Thursdays from May to September, but at different times. It is free, but booking is essential, either on 01843 871200 or through www.villagetur.co.uk.

It is put on by a team of 110 volunteers and we have received a number of awards. We also have three tours in St Peter's Churchyard which are very different but equally as popular.

Do people who take the tour enjoy it?

Many people come and visit the tour through a recommendation.

At the end we invite visitors to join our team and contribute to our funds if they have enjoyed the tour.

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YOUR LETTERS

The people will be proved right again

IN the September 24 issue of Yourthanet, Thanet council leader Sandy Ezekiel admitted that "Westwood Cross has affected trade in Margate". Stating the bleep-bleep obvious, or what?

Correct me if I'm wrong, but didn't the people of Thanet tell him exactly that when the project was mooted?

We knew that building an out-of-town shopping centre would destroy the businesses in our high streets (not to mention causing traffic gridlock at Westwood) – so why didn't our councillors listen?

Please take note, leader and all councillors: the people of Thanet were right about Westwood Cross and they will be proved right over the China Gateway project.

It is time to listen to the people who elected you to represent THEM and NOT those from whom you could (although there is no guarantee) rake in six-figure business rates.

What a pity that when such a massive project is proposed affecting more than just those people living around the site, 'our' council does not ask us what we think.

It cannot be difficult to hold a referendum of local people.

Every year we are required, by law, to complete the Electoral Registration documents, so why doesn't the council include a questionnaire asking people what they think about the latest controversial proposal?

Councillors are elected by the people to run the district, with our taxes, on our behalf, and to provide us with the services to which we are entitled – so what

went wrong? When did they decide that THEY know what is best for us?

Sheila Bransfield
Acol

Gateway will add to growing problem

THE China Gateway development planned for Manston – along with all other developments destroying precious, irreplaceable food-producing land across Kent – should not be allowed.

Apart from world food shortages, other factors must be considered.

Britain's food trade import deficit is constantly increasing year on year and we are becoming dangerously dependent on the rest of Europe to supply our daily food requirements.

In 2004, Britain's food trade deficit was £12.3 billion – a figure which had doubled in just seven years. By 2011 or before, it will have doubled again because, firstly, we are concreting over the countryside and, secondly, supermarkets are hauling food from across the world to gain massive profits from very cheap sources.

Meanwhile, EU directives from Brussels are achieving their avowed intent of making us beg for foreign food because our own capability of feeding ourselves is being wrecked forever.

The rest of Europe is benefiting from our stupidity, especially French farmers who receive the biggest share of free money (much of it British taxpayers' money) from the EU's annual CAP budget of £36bn, which in itself costs every UK family an unnecessary £557 tax every year.

Spanish farmers have also been getting the biggest handouts from the EU's regional aid programmes, amounting to

countless billions every year, and again most of it from British taxpayers.

EU regional aid programmes have more recently been pouring billions into Eastern European agriculture and they too will benefit as more and more food from places like Poland appears on supermarket shelves here.

A close adviser to PM Gordon Brown recently told him foreign-owned utility companies now owned most of Britain's gas, water and electricity providers – and were ripping us off to subsidise customers in their own countries.

The same will happen to our food industry when we have buried all the farmland and cannot grow food for ourselves.

It has been said that if history is ignored it will repeat itself.

Well, most people here have forgotten the Second World War, when Germany was trying to starve us into surrender by sinking food-supply ships and every piece of our land was used to grow extra food because we had been too reliant on imports.

Today's manic race to destroy Britain's farmland and countryside will, before very much longer, prove not only to be political suicide for Britain, but national suicide as well, and then it will be too late.

Roger Arnold
UK Independence Party

Councillor lacking any business sense

AS a businessman struggling to keep my head above water I was disgusted by the letter in last week's Yourthanet from Labour councillor Iris Johnston and her junior colleague John Watkins.

Since Cllr Johnston's government introduced the new business rates I have been suffering more than ever.

An associate of mine recently

had to close part of his business, leaving the property empty.

However, he still has to pay business rates on a building previously exempt, causing a threat to the rest of his business.

In her letter, Cllr Johnston was pushing for Thanet council to make sure that a local business sticks to New Labour's rules, saying "it should also under the new rules be paying business rates on empty shops".

This comment made by Cllr Johnston angered me.

She may have a hostile attitude towards business, but she should not forget the fact that, unlike her, the ordinary people who voted for her need jobs and do not live in a nice, comfortable middle-class ward like she does.

I thought that socialism was a thing of the past, or is it really 'Do as say, not as I do'.

Raymond Sanders
Margate

You can keep your pricy town councils

I WAS astounded to read in the local press that a new town council for Ramsgate could cost residents an extra £35 on their annual council tax bill.

With the possibility of an equally costly town council being created in Margate, I think that the residents of Westgate-on-Sea should avoid being part of such an expensive option.

I think that we could do this by creating our own parish council for the village of Westgate.

Westgate-on-Sea is not part of Margate – we are a village in our own right, similar to our neighbour, Birchington-on-Sea, that already has its own parish council costing villagers just £5 year.

Birchington has a strong village identity, something we seem to be losing in Westgate.

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part of a new Greater Margate Town Council, or should we create our own parish council to safeguard our village identity before it's too late?

Under the 1997 Local Government Act only 10 per cent of residents' signatures are required to get things moving.

Charles Goddard
Westgate-on-Sea

It's a small price to pay for democracy

A NUMBER of councillors have attacked Ramsgate First and me in particular, claiming I misled the people of Ramsgate over the cost of the Ramsgate Town Council.

In 2005, then-Deputy Prime Minister John Prescott, replying to a Parliamentary question, said that the average parish/town council cost their respective ratepayers about £32 per annum.

When we launched our parish council statutory petition in January 2006, we published a leaflet which clearly stated that the Ramsgate precept would rise from £8 to £32 per annum (this would raise an annual budget of £500,000).

We asked people to read this leaflet before signing the petition.

Ramsgate First told the truth, warts and all, to the people of Ramsgate about what would be involved should a town council come into being. It is clear that we are the only local party that tells the truth to the people of Ramsgate.

Had these Labour and Conservative councillors who are only too willing to spit and snarl at the people who believe in Ramsgate done their job properly, we might

not have had to call for the creation of a town council in the first place.

Why do these people fear democracy? I'd like to know.

Gerry O'Donnell
Ramsgate

Just keeping your own home in order

WITH 900 civil servants at Canterbury City Council and 500 civil servants at Thanet council – a mere 15 miles away – and one council (Canterbury) rated as one of the best in UK and the other (Thanet) one of the worst in Western Europe, why is Colin Carmichael, the chief executive of CCC, not taking a greater interest in improving both councils? Or does good governance end at Sturry?

Tim Garbutt
Ramsgate

Leave housing off the Eurokent agenda

THANET Labour Group is firmly against any residential development at Eurokent business park.

The Eurokent site has been clearly designated for business development through the Thanet Local Plan, which our group supports.

It really is very difficult to understand how East Kent Opportunities, a joint Kent and KCC venture, supposedly set up to regenerate the area by creating jobs, could possibly believe that residential development would help with long-term employment, improving skills or providing future

training opportunities.

We in the Labour group at Thanet council demand that East Kent Opportunities gets on with the job it is supposed to do and develops the designated business parks.

The Conservatives complain that the Government wants to concrete over Kent and yet, with 1,000 homes already planned at Westwood, the Tories are the ones pushing for more houses all over the place.

Clr Clive Hart (Labour)
TDC shadow member for economy and culture

Community spirit not what it used to be

THANET council, I note that our regeneration is still going downhill.

Last week in Margate, I was outside Payne's and was bundled into by a Margate policeman and another party, I think a community (untrained) policeman.

This was no fault of the policemen as they were apprehending a thief.

Luckily for the victim or victims, the one policeman was about.

I went to walk on, but I heard the accused say he hadn't got any money and I think I heard someone say "I saw you take it".

There were lots of people around. The money wasn't dumped on me, so I walked back. I found a wad of money had been dumped in the flowers outside Payne's. I called the policeman and he thanked me.

I found the money easily. I just hope the other people standing around didn't see it – because if they did, so much for helping the overworked police!

Adrian Ottley
Birchington

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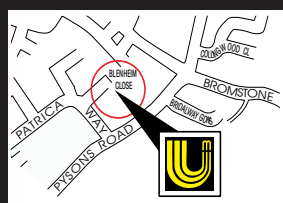


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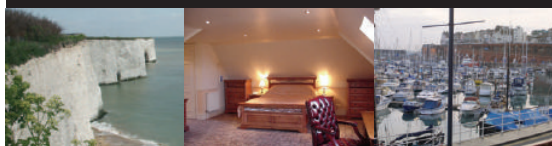
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One of the highlights will be the Footsbn Theatre Company's colourful interpretation of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, which is being staged in a heated circus tent on the Kingsmead Primary School playing field from Tuesday to Saturday, October 18. The famous travelling company, which is now based in France, has not been to Britain since the mid-90s.

Albania's Symphony Orchestra of Radio Television makes its UK debut at Canterbury Cathedral on Saturday, October 25, while global guitar phenomenon José Gonzáles will be at the Marlowe Theatre on Friday, October 17.

The festival will also be linking to the Man Booker Prize for the first time, as Canterbury passes its own



verdict on who should win the literary award at the International Study Centre on Tuesday.

The Really Promising Company performs *The Mystery of Edwin Drood* at the Theatre Royal Margate on Saturday and Sunday, Mappa Mundi put their own spin on the Canterbury Tales at the Marlowe from Thursday to Saturday, and a

series of dark and captivating sketches are brought to life in *Between The Devil and The Deep Blue Sea* at the Gulbenkian Theatre on Saturday, October 18.

From the Canterbury debut of Welsh soprano Elin Manahan Thomas in the Cathedral Nave on Thursday, October 23, to the irresistible pop sounds of Africa's Orchestra Baobab at the Marlowe on Monday, October 20, almost every musical taste will be catered for and new sounds can be explored.

There will be plenty of laughs on offer too, with shows by Andy Hamilton, Danny Bhoj, Jim Jeffries, Michael McIntyre, Sandi Toksvig and Ed Byrne.

The programme of talks boasts an impressive line-up of fascinating figures, from Poet Laureate Andrew Motion and historian Dr David Starkey, to satirist Craig Brown and rocker Suzi Quatro.

Children will be captivated by Potted Potter and Professor Palmer-moff's Magic Show, while film buffs can enjoy a diverse programme at the Gulbenkian Cinema. Exhibitions, walks, opera, lunchtime concerts, the Festival Fringe and umbrella events in surrounding areas mean everyone should be able to enjoy a taste of the festival.

Canterbury Festival opens with the carnival parade which begins at Westgate Towers at 5pm on Saturday and makes its way to Dane John Gardens. For full details of the festival listings pick up a free brochure or visit www.canterburyfestival.co.uk.



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and market. Artists taking part include Xu Bing, David Blandy, Liu Ding, Cao Fei, Melanie Jackson, Gunilla Klingberg and many more.

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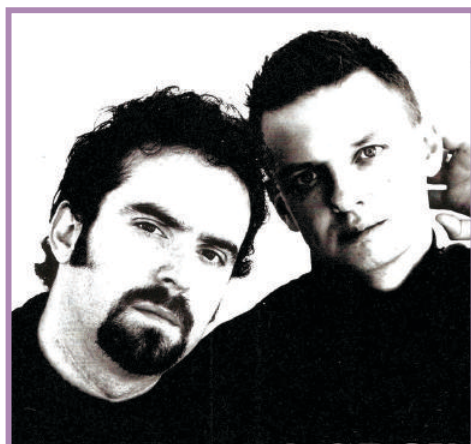
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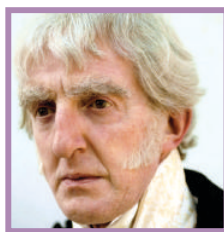
Paul and Art are played by Ben Bowden and Steve Green respectively, who also play as the acoustic duo Table Nine. The show starts at 7.30pm.

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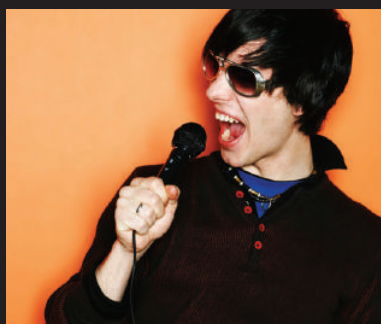
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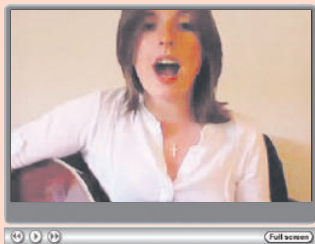
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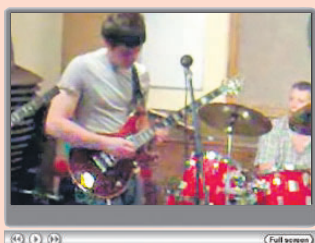
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Up-front Tracyanne tells all

BY SIMON ROBINSON

THE THIN line between professional music journalist and gushing over-the-top fan is at times difficult to maintain.

Even the most hardened hack has been known to regress into nothing more than a blubbing mess once given 10 minutes on the phone or a quick face-to-face with their very-literal 'pop idols'.

I had visions that interviewing Camera Obscura's singer songwriter Tracyanne Campbell would temporarily transform me into a 15-year-old smitten schoolboy and so I took the necessary steps to protect my journalistic integrity.

Using the social networking powerhouse that is Facebook I invited fans who have bought tickets to the Scottish indie pop rockers' Canterbury gig to submit their questions to Tracyanne, giving me little room for an 'unfortunate' ad-lib.

A selection of the best are below:

Valerie asked: Who are your musical influences?

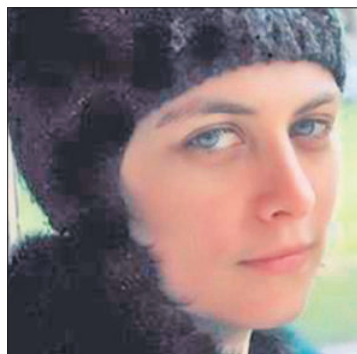
There are millions of influences, too many to mention. I suppose if I had to list a few I'd say Dion, Diana Ross and The Supremes and Kris Kristofferson. I like singer/songwriters.

Ruth asked: why do you think the music industry is so male-dominated and why are there so few women in bands?

The world's male dominated. The reasons for that are probably too heavy and many to go into this morning. I don't think there are so few women in bands. Each day it becomes more acceptable for women to be fronting bands. Maybe the person who asked that is reading the wrong music magazines, which are full of the skinny jeans brigade. I mean, I'm a girl in a band and have been for a long time. I have experienced some extent of sexism in the industry but it hasn't stopped me from doing what I want to do.

Kerry asked: If you had to be replaced by any famous male vocalist who would be most suited to the Camera Obscura sound?

I don't know. I think Dion would be great. He can



LEADING LADY: Camera Obscura's Tracyanne Campbell says it has become more acceptable for women to front bands come in and do what I do. I think he would do a great job and would make our music better.

Vince asked: What made you choose Super Trouper as a cover version?

We made the album in Sweden and we like ABBA, or at least some of us do, and were asked to do a radio session so we just played that song. We've done it at a few gigs since and people seem to quite like it.

John asked: How much emphasis do you put on chart success and album sales?

None. It's not relevant these days. People who aren't in bands don't realise how the industry works. Back in the day chart success was everything but it's doesn't work like that nowadays. I would bet most of the people who have our music haven't bought our albums. Getting into the Top 10 is nothing we think about, which is a bit sad. I'd still be really excited if we got high up the charts but don't see it as important.

Jodie asked: You've been reported as dismissing the oft-used Belle and Sebastian comparison as 'lazy journalism'. Who would you compare the band to?

I don't want to compare the band to anyone else. There's nothing I find more boring than reading

a review of a band where the journalist compares them to someone else. I don't want to say 'listen to us because we sound like so-and-so'. However, if someone did compare us to someone we like or have been influenced by I think I would be more flattered than dismissive.

I asked: Have you played in Canterbury before and why did you choose to play there?

No, we've never been there before so it should be a lot of fun. I'm told it's beautiful there, in the Garden of England. We took the gig on because we wanted to keep our hand in in terms of playing live. We've been doing festival dates but we don't really start going until next year. We were asked to play in Canterbury and so we thought we'd build a little tour around that night, playing in places we've never played before or have only played once.

I also asked: What can we expect on the night?

We'll try and play a wee bit of everything. We've recorded our new album so we'll try and play a few new songs but that might be difficult as we haven't rehearsed since we finished in the studio. Maybe we'll do a completely different set to the one we normally play in London or Glasgow. It's always difficult to know what people want.

Andy asked: Your plectrum tin was recently stolen during a gig in Manchester. Has it been returned yet?

No. I don't think it ever will be. I'm over it now. I made an appeal on our website for it to be returned as I'd had that tin from the first time we ever went on tour, it's been all over the world with me. Someone very close gave it to me and it was also a handy wee tin to keep my plectrums and capo in. I normally kept the tin on top of my amp but for this gig put it near my pedal board. As we went off I remember thinking 'should I take this off with me?' but then decided against it. When we came back on for the encore it was gone.

• Camera Obscura play the Marlowe Theatre in Canterbury on Thursday October 16. Tickets cost £12 and £14. For more details visit www.canterburyfestival.co.uk.

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Sidney Young (Simon Pegg) is a disillusioned intellectual who both adores and despises the world of celebrity. Offered a job at New York-based Sharps magazine, Sidney finds a friend and confidante in colleague Alison (Kirsten Dunst), who helps him navigate the New York social scene and deal with his nightmare boss (Jeff Bridges).

88 MINUTES (15)



Al Pacino stars as Dr Jack Gramm, a professor who moonlights as a forensic psychiatrist for the FBI. The story revolves around death row inmate Jon Forster, who is to be executed by lethal injection as the result of Gramm's testimony. However, while Forster is behind bars preparing for his last meal, a copycat killer is at work in Seattle.

BRIDESHEAD REVISITED (12A)



On an Atlantic crossing, painter Charles Ryder (Matthew Goode) encounters Julia Motttram (Hayley Atwell) who, when she was Julia Flyte in the years between the wars, inflamed Charles with love. That he was previously in love with her brother Sebastian (Ben Whishaw) was an added complication.

Man in the mirror

BY ELLIE GENOWER

UNLIKE many actors, Kiefer Sutherland doesn't like looking at himself. For one thing, he only has a single mirror in his house.

And for another, he isn't really interested in seeing himself on film. For a star with a string of hit movies to his name and a successful stint on TV show 24, he is surprisingly down to earth.

"I've always thought I look different in my head than what I see," explains Kiefer.

"I have a hard time looking at myself. I remember I saw Stand By Me for the first time and thought my career was over. I wanted that character to be emblematic of the 1950s and I wanted him to look like Jimmy Dean.

"So in my head, when I'm making it, all those things are there. Then I went and saw it – and it was me. I was really disappointed with that.

"I've always been much happier with what I thought I'd looked like and what I thought I was doing, than looking at the physical reality. I try to avoid it."

Mirrors is the title of Kiefer's new film in which he stars as Ben Carson, an ex-cop turned security guard who is sent to watch over a creepy abandoned building in New York after splitting from his wife and their two kids.

Things take a terrifying turn when he starts seeing scary and violent images in the ornate mirrors which adorn the building's walls. Worse still, the spirits inside begin to take hold of his and his family's lives, with horrific consequences.



ON REFLECTION: Kiefer Sutherland has never been keen on watching himself on film

"One of the things that attracted me to this guy is that he's at an all-time low," explains Kiefer.

"He's lost his job, he's lost his wife and he can't see his kids. You see this guy pick himself up by the bootstraps and go and get a job he really doesn't want in order

to try to make enough money so he can take care of his responsibilities and try to build back up.

"It's hard to do anything right if your confidence or self-esteem is low," he adds. "It's almost impossible. Those are the times you say and do stupid things because

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you're so desperate. I can't speak for anybody else, but I've certainly been there."

Kiefer, who admits he gets scared "pretty easily", was keen to work with French director Alexandre Aja and do something in the horror genre away from 24 (he is immersed in a gruelling filming schedule for the seventh season of the show).

He filmed Mirrors after completing season six of the show, finishing the shoot on weekends.

"Certain opportunities present themselves and you want to take advantage of them," he says about his mammoth workload.

"As an actor, your desire is to elicit a response from an audience. There is no better genre to do that in than this. I can physically move you in your seat.

"For me, I get very affected by films. I have a contract when I see a movie between myself and the film which is that I will surrender and give myself up, suspend my disbelief so it will take me somewhere.

"And that makes me very vulnerable to a film like this. So it was a lot easier to make the film than to watch it."



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YOUR TV REVIEW

JAMIE'S MINISTRY OF FOOD
Channel 4, 9pm, Tuesday

■ BY TOM BETTS

IT must be about ten years since Jamie Oliver burst on to our screens riding his Lambretta, sliding down the bannisters of his flat's staircase and being a little bit too chirpy for his own good.

As he whizzed about calling people 'dahlin' and 'geezer' a nation swooned at the informality of it all.

Then, before anyone had said 'vanilla pod', he'd bagged a megabucks supermarket deal and sold a quillion books.

Not bad for someone whose main aim in life was to knock up a bit of 'pukka grub'.

Whether you loved it or hated it, The Naked Chef made a huge impact and brought cooking to a generation with an ever-increasing dependence on kebabs and McDonald's.

His Jamie's School Dinners campaign and TV show was a deserved big hit and caught the attention of politicians as well as couch potatoes.

Sainsbury's adverts and fake dinner parties aside, it's hard not to have a grudging admiration for the chef.

Perhaps I even became, gulp, a fan.

A decade on from those Naked beginnings and umpteen different shows on, the munching maestro's latest attempt to educate us mere mortals in the ways of food was last week's big show.

Jamie's Ministry of Food is back next Tuesday night for the third of the run.

This time around he's trying to teach the non-cooking masses how to knock up a plate of meatballs and pasta and other such dishes for dimwits.

After the ordinary Jamie at Home,



HOB TO IT: Jamie Oliver aims to educate the nation in the ways of cooking in his new show

his last effort, the loveable mockney needs a hit in his saucepan, but it's hard to ascertain if this will be it, mainly down to a lack of originality and the sense that this is not much more than a rehash of the schools campaign.

The success of that clearly led the team behind this one to simply think they could do the same, only with adults.

It may be a worthwhile cause, but it's just not all that entertaining a second time around.

He deserves a better format than this, something a bit fresher and edgier.

We know he loves his name before the title, so how about Jamie's Jamies, in which he only teaches other Jamies to cook?

With the way it's going, it could happen – and it might be a little more exciting than this.

YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)

IT'S worth exploring an opportunity to make money from your creative talents. Your income could arrive in fits and starts, but that won't bother you. During the fiscally flush times, you need to put some money into savings to keep your afloat during tougher times.

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TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)

YOU'LL have to be very assertive with a bashful person. Although you're not especially outgoing, you need to push yourself if you're going to get what you want. It may not be easy to gain access to an educational or cultural institution so be patient and wait a wee while.

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LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)

WHIPPING your household into order makes you feel more calm and settled. This is a wonderful time to clear clutter. Hold a yard sale, donate stuff to charity, and throw the rest out or you'll feel blocked and tired. You could make a tidy profit from some creative efforts.

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SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

YOUR powers of seduction are potent and passion packed. Someone in your social circle could catch your fancy. Say a few suggestive things and then make a strategic retreat. You'll soon have them eating out of your hand. Inject a little excitement into your life.

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PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)

YOUR love life is crackling with electric excitement. If you're single, you could meet someone special. Keep your eyes open for a dark, mysterious person with lots of magnetism. If you're in a relationship, this would be a good time to go on a vacation. This trip is for adults only!

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GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22)

YOU'RE going to be very busy this week. Relatives can help you with childcare and other domestic responsibilities. If you're on your own, you can rely on your network of friends to help you in testing times. An exciting career opportunity could be offered to you over the next few days.

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VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23)

YOU have a sharp mind, and need mental stimulation to be happy. Fortunately, a clever person who challenges your way of thinking gives you plenty of food for thought as your opposing views give you lots to talk about. Don't let a child take advantage of your generosity later this week.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

WORKING behind the scenes is the way to go. You're tired of always fitting in to satisfy other people. Tackling a project for yourself will lift your spirits. You're making more money than usual, but don't fritter it away. You'd be wise to save as there may be big expenses ahead.

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ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)

INTIMACY is the name of the game. Letting down your defences will be a relief. You're tired of being the strong one all of the time. Stop taking on so many responsibilities and start sharing your problems. When people see how much you've got on your plate they'll help out.

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CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)

YOU'RE quite competitive right now and are happy to go to unusual lengths to outshine your rivals. Trust a close friend or lover's criticisms, as they will help polish your performance to diamond brilliance. Resist the urge to analyse the life out of a close relationship.

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LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23)

YOU have an opportunity to enhance your fiscal fortunes. It may be necessary to drive a hard bargain with a potential employer and be prepared to walk away from a bad deal. In a few days time you could be given a much better offer. Try not to fall prey to sentimentality.

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CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)

YOU work best as part of an ambitious team. That's because your ideas get better when you run them past critical thinkers. Take their suggestions to heart, as they will make you a better worker. Being receptive to criticism could build bonds between you and a true professional.

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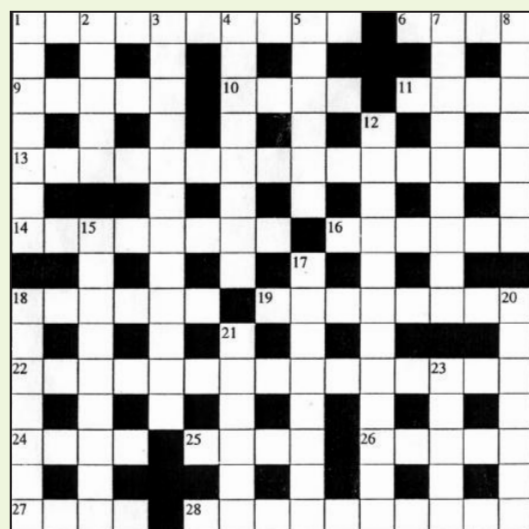
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- Grudging another movement in catchment area (9-6)
- Went off and destroyed the theory (8)
- Lustful when it's full of vapour (6)
- Whale, blue, swimming with Georgia (6)
- Fastest one caught Kay in search (8)
- Restore matters - after they had been dropped on the floor? (4,2,3,6)
- Indian seen in window (4)
- Having been aware of some transgression today (4)
- Carp about a base out east (5)
- Got a new garment! (4)
- Animals are barred from crossing this (6-4)

DOWN

- Groupie capsizing canoe (7)
- Dictionary he devised synonymously (5)
- Ultimately like marathon competitors (2,3,4,3)
- Chatted about scandalomger with newsmen (8)
- A green concoction to provoke fury (6)
- Joined opposite having taken food round cooler (9)
- It is ordinary without a 24-hour period in the week (7)
- Round which it is extremely cold (6,6)
- Beastly law-enforcer? (6-3)
- Excluded dour lute playing (5,3)
- Johnis church? (7)
- Model on sleigh with us inside struggled (7)
- Heard Stanley's taken a few lines (6)
- Hundred more shelter (5)

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QUICK CLUES

ACROSS

- Savagery (10)
- Gulp down (4)
- Of sound (5)
- Doing word (4)
- Monster (4)
- Tonga (8,7)
- Ill-balanced (8)
- Left the stage (6)
- Became void (6)
- Fourth (8)
- Dickensian character (4,11)
- Bees hum (4)
- Doorpost (4)
- Subcontinent (5)
- Small particles of sand (4)

DOWN

- Modest (7)
- Biblical mount (5)
- Secretly (2,10)
- Evened up (8)
- Root vegetable (6)
- Carriage (9)
- Surmised (7)
- Panacea for longevity (6,2,4)
- Spying photographers (9)
- Fertile female insect (5,3)
- US beetle (7)
- Admires (anag.) (7)
- Act of lifting (6)
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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

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Revel in the new and old India

BY RACHEL O'BRIEN

IT feels a bit like the cheat's way to enjoy India – reclining by the pool after a stress-busting massage, with Champagne in hand and an army of waiters standing by. It's a far cry from my friends' tales of budget backpacking and Delhi belly.

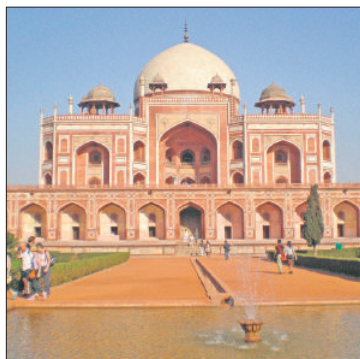
But while this might not be a cheap hippie trail through southern Asia, neither is our visit one of old-fashioned opulence, with exotic elephant rides or maharaja-style luxury, as was once sought by many a well-heeled traveller to the colonial Jewel in the Crown.

This is the new India; one of the world's largest economies, with a staggering growth rate of 8.5 per cent in 2006 and 2007, a film industry rivaling Hollywood and a population set to overtake China's by 2030.

Amid vast social and cultural changes, the typical tourist experience is undergoing its own transformation.

We're staying at the Park Hotel in Delhi, which admittedly offers luxury beyond the means of most locals (it has a rather overwhelming staff-to-guestroom ratio of more than two to one). But as one of the country's first boutique hotels, its contemporary take on Indian hospitality seems a suitable starting point for exploring the changing subcontinent.

Set back from hectic Connaught Place – the commercial hub of New Delhi – the hotel's modern and funky design could be at



STUNNING: Mughal Emperor Humayun's tomb is best enjoyed in Delhi's late-afternoon sunshine

home in any cosmopolitan city, but there is an emphasis on Indian traditions presented in a new light.

Nevertheless, Delhi is knocking on the door, and walks around the beautiful Indo-Islamic Qutub Minar, the world's tallest brick minaret (pictured right), or the stunning Mughal-designed Humayun's Tomb are best appreciated in the late-afternoon sun.

Juxtaposed with the stately calm of these must-see sights is the chaos of local people going about their everyday life, with their hands pressed firmly on their car horns.

If your nerves are up to it, hurtle along in a

cycle rickshaw towards the enormous 17th-century Red Fort and get lost on foot in the winding bazaars around Chandni Chowk street. Here the pandemonium of Old Delhi is far removed from the gracious boulevards of Edward Lutyens's New Delhi.

In contrast the next stop on our trip, Chennai, formerly Madras, has a relatively small-town feel – despite being home to well over four million people. The city, a two-and-a-half-hour flight south from the capital, is India's fourth largest metropolis and the state capital of Tamil Nadu.

Down here in India's deep south, there is plenty of culture to rival Delhi's offerings. It's well worth the 60km drive from Chennai to the 7th-century temples and sculptures at Mahabalipuram, carved with intricate scenes from Hindu mythology and the Panchatantra animal fables.

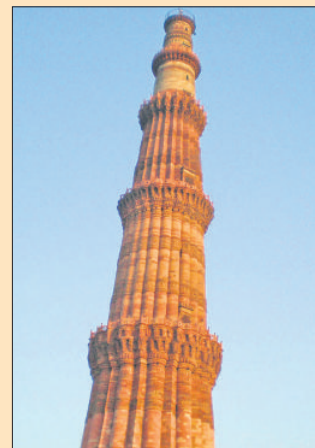
For a modern-day, but no less impressive, flavour of Tamil Nadu culture, tour the classrooms of the Kalakshetra Foundation, where ambitious youngsters learn the traditional dance form Bharatanatyam.

It's a fascinating glimpse into a monastic-like retreat, something akin to a strict spiritual Indian version of Fame Academy.

The relaxed vibe continues back at our base, the city's own Park Hotel, where the pale, bamboo-themed lobby has a more laid-back atmosphere than its bustling counterpart in Delhi.

Amid vast social and cultural changes, the new India provides a totally transforming tourist experience.

FACT FILE: INDIA



Time difference	UK plus 4.5 hrs
Capital	New Delhi
Population	1.1bn
Language	Hindi/English
Climate	Tropical
Religion	Hindu
Currency	Indian Rupee (approx 83 to £1)

Travel details

- Rachel O'Brien stayed at The Park in New Delhi, where prices start at £172 per night for single, £198 for double occupancy. B&B rates at The Park Chennai start at £135 for single and £148 for a double occupancy.
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PROPERTY NEWS

Labour 'will not scrap targets'

HOUSING and planning minister Caroline Flint has insisted that the Government will not scrap its housing targets which have been set out for the next 12 years.

Her comments, made at the Labour Party conference in Manchester, came as a housing expert warned that the current credit crunch was undermining the target of up to three million new homes by 2020.

Thousands of new homes have been proposed for the county, with the Thames Gateway and Ashford the principal proposed growth areas.

Planners insist fluctuations in the housing market have been factored into calculations.

However, National Housing Federation chief executive David Orr warned the 2020 target could be missed by up to nine years without further Government intervention in the housing market.

Mr Orr claimed that without radical action, only just over half the target is likely to be built by 2020. He calculated that on present showing 1.6 million homes could be built by the end of the next decade.

And he said housing associations could more than double their present building rate, with help from the Government, to make the target more feasible.

Mr Orr said: "With the global credit crunch worsening and conditions getting tougher for all housebuilders, it is time to recognise that the very commendable 2020 target is now almost impossible."

Ms Flint, though, stressed that the original 2020 target remains in place.

She told the party conference: "Sceptics ask me to scrap our target of 240,000 new homes a year - three million more homes by 2020."

"They want us to admit defeat. We won't give up that easily. Labour will build the homes Britain needs."

Signs of life

THE housing market is picking up after the summer, according to Ward and Partners estate agency.

Analysts say that instead of it remaining slow, trade is increasing.

"It's too early to say things are definitely on the up," said regional managing director Lee Crane.

"But Government schemes introduced to help buyers, such as stamp duty reform and low interest loans, have helped. September saw an improvement in sales."

Making sacrifices in pursuit of the dream

■ BY NICK AMES

THE average first-time buyer thinks it will take two years of saving to reach the £19,100 they believe is necessary for a deposit on a home.

The news comes from a survey by the Co-operative Bank and Places for People.

The survey also found that 54 per cent believed renting was "throwing money down the drain".

A large number, 91 per cent, said they were willing to make sacrifices to achieve their homeownership dreams - up considerably from just 57 per cent before the credit crunch kicked in.

The top sacrifice, made by 53 per cent, was stopping eating out, with holidays and weekends away also ruled out for 50 per cent.

And 46 per cent had lowered their expectations when it came to properties they were viewing.

Of these, 49 per cent were willing to do without the luxury of an extra bathroom, followed closely by a veto on garages.

But while 40 per cent were willing to see their outdoor space shrink to secure a sale, 78 per cent of first-timers simply would not entertain the prospect of no garden at all.

Victoria Drummond, operations manager for Ownhome, a shared equity scheme offered by the Co-operative Bank and Places for People, said: "This research shows that the dream of owning a home is now out of reach for many first-time buyers as they struggle to save for a deposit against a backdrop of soaring house-



BANK ON IT: First-time buyers will need to save hard and give up a few of life's little luxuries to get that deposit

hold bills and the increased cost of living.

"As a result, many more people are being entrepreneurial and making sacrifices in a bid to try to claw their way onto the property ladder including cutting down on eating out, holidaying in the UK rather than abroad, and swapping supermarkets to drive down their

food bills.

"It is essential that the Government and the housing industry continue to offer simple, clear and innovative products that provide first-time buyers with the essential financial support needed to help them take their first steps on to the property ladder."

'No evidence' of firms hoarding land

THE Office of Fair Trading has backed the housebuilding industry after accusations that property prices were being affected by developers hoarding land.

The review, which began in June 2007, concluded that the

industry remained broadly competitive, with prices of new-builds having to compete against those of older properties.

The organisation also ruled that there was no clear evidence of any one developer having a continu-

ing market advantage over the rest.

The report concluded: "We have not found any evidence that homebuilders have the ability to anti-competitively hoard land or own a large amount of land with

planning permission on which they have not started to build.

"Apart from the homebuilding firms, the available information suggests that the largest 'land-bank' may be that held by the public sector."

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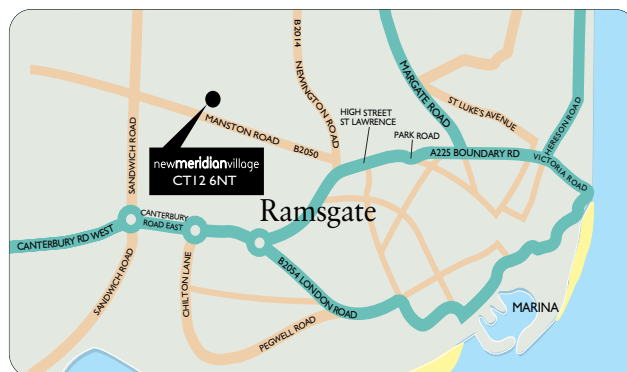
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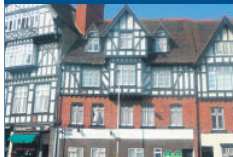
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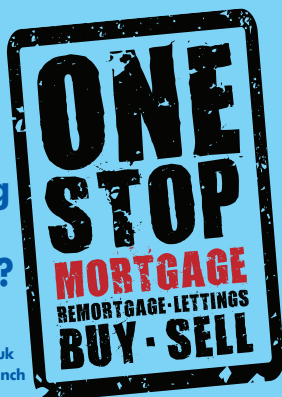


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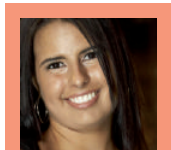
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Young-female, 48, 5ft6, largest build, blue eyes, non-smoker/driver, devoted Mum, seeking male to share life with, walks, beaches and more. Canterbury. Box 440892

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Young-looking, South African origin, tall female, 45, long dark hair, seeking caring male, for friendship and hopefully more! Box 444232

HERE WE ARE
Easygoing female, 45, self-employed hairdresser, likes theatre, restaurants, socialising, sofa cuddles, seeking loyal, loving, caring male for good times and more. Box 444672

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Divorced female, 45, loyal, funny, curvaceous and very romantic, WLTW a faithful and funny guy for a relationship. Box 889366

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Hi I'm 44, slim, 5ft8, a redhead, love nights out, socialising, looking for friendship initially and hopefully more later on. Box 889800

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Compensative, attractive female, 45, 5ft6, big build, red hair, blue eyes, NHS, enjoys good food, country pubs, cinema and weekends away, WLTW a similar male. Box 444743

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HOPE AND LOVE FOREVER
Professional female, 49, brunette, loves the outdoors, good food, good wine, seeking similar as myself for loving relationship. Box 443198

YOU COULD BE THE ONE
Fun-loving female, 42, 5ft10, tall, slim, loves the countryside, socialising, looking for some fun with a guy who wants the same. Box 439891

CALL ME...
Honest caring lady, 43, single mum, medium build, blue-green eyes, streaked blonde hair, likes swimming, reading, cooking, wine, dining, WLTW fun-loving male for love. Box 444211

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Professional female, 43, enjoys dancing, walking, reading and cooking, WLTW an intelligent professional male, who can hold a good conversation, for a relationship. Box 444282

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Hard-working female, 41, 5'4", bubbly, independent woman, love to laugh, socialising with friends, looking for independent man who values TLC. Box 441456

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Hard working single mum, young 44yr old, 5ft5, medium build, enjoys dining out, holidays, cinema and walks, WLTW a caring and genuine male for friendship/relationship. Box 444751

LOVING IT LARGE
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MISS JULIE
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NO TIES
Lonely, bored, professional Turnbridge Wells Asian lady, 40, WLTW slim, single, solvent, professional white male 40-50 for company, fun, love and laughter. Box 443573

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Bubbly 40yr old female, enjoys beaches, pubs, clubs, WLTW a like-minded, caring male to share fun times with. Box 435102

TOO MUCH TO ASK?
Genuine female, 41, 5'3", brunette, brown eyes, medium build, enjoys meals out, music etc, seeks male 38-42, for romance. Box 155275

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HELLO BOYS!
Curvy brunette, 50, 5ft5, curly, brunette, green eyes, WLTW a spontaneous, caring, tallish man to make me smile and feel good again. Box 886862

THE LAUGHTER, THE BEST MEDICINE
Help me write my stand-up comedy routine! I'm 49, you'll need to make me laugh out loud and understand observational comedy to make the grade. Box 892640

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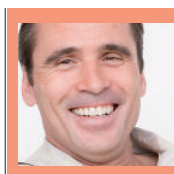
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ATTENTION
Fun-loving male, 33, 6ft, blue eyes/fair hair, stocky-muscular build, seeks similar slender female to enjoy life with. Maidstone Box 194376

LARGER LADY WANTED
Muscular white male, 35, 6ft5, hobbies include: weight training, music, reading etc, seeking a medium-large build female for fun, friendship and who knows what else. Box 444118

ARE YOU THE GIRL NEXT DOOR?
Active energetic male, 35, loves going out, drinking, clubbing, football, most sports, seeking loving lady to have a dance with. Box 444876

CALL ME UP...
Chris, 36, caring, sharing, GSOH, brown eyes, short brown hair, 5ft11, likes the gym, pubs, travelling, reading, cooking, music, seeking female with GSOH. Box 444450

GET THE HEART RACING!
Fit, athletic male, 38, 5ft10, enjoys the outdoors, jogging, cycling, looking to meet a girl of similar age, like-minded, for potential testing relationship. Turnbridge Wells. Box 40602

EVERYTHING I DO
Lee, driver, 36yr old, 6ft3, dark hair, likes clubs, pubs, wine bars, places of interest, sports and reading, WLTW a woman for friendship and romance. Box 889220

REAL MAN
Honest, kind, caring male, 37, blond, 6ft, enjoys walks, cinema, nights in/out, family life. WLTW like-minded, genuine female. Sarah, please call again, leave contact details! Box 430440

WARM UP
Young happy chap, 38, 6ft, dark shaved hair, brown eyes, great SOH, kind, caring, fun, enjoys dancing, good nights in; seeking slim sensual lady for hugs/cuddles/kisses. Box 443643

SAILING THE SEVEN SEAS
Young-looking male, 38, 5ft9, dark hair, blue eyes, good-looking, no ties, a carpenter, likes the outdoors, seeks lady to sail off and find love with. Box 444937

SIMON SAYS...
Caring single dad, 41, 5'10", average build, young-looking, WLTW lady for friendship evenings out, maybe more. Recently quit smoking! Box 963530

HAPPY CHAP
Genuine, romantic, light, loving blonde, 42, 5'10", light brown hair, happy with life but would love to share it with someone. Box 886789

FUN AND CUDDLY
42yr old male, 5ft7, blue eyes, enjoys cinema, walking, swimming and cosy nights in, seeking a damsel to rescue and be happy with. East Sussex Box 443933

THE PERSON INSIDE
Muscular male, 42, 5ft8, enjoys many interests, looking for that special lady 25-50, looks unimportant, to love & take care of. Sussex. Box 434560

GET BACK
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LOVE ME DO
Caring and loving male, 43, average looks, self-employed, enjoys wild life, sci-fi and gardening, WLTW a petite female, 30-50, for a LTR. Box 444063

STOP AND STARE
Sincere happy guy, 43, loves sports, keeping active, socialising, looking for someone to share life and all the fun things with. Box 889504

OPEN ARMS
Confident male, 42, 5'10", nice build, single dad, own home, loves cooking, going out, sports, WLTW someone similar to me. Maidstone. Box 411411

BIG DEAL IN DEAL
Warm, tactile male, 42, 6ft, likes socialising, pubs, clubs, cosy nights in, seeks like minded female, for friendship, leading to more. Box 388967

VEGETARIAN
44yr old sociable, single dad, tall, fit, black hair, love cooking, countryside, animals, looking for a caring and loving female. GSOH for friendship and LTR. Box 434684

MAKING THE MOST OF LIFE
Fond dad, 44, 5ft6, blue eyes, brown hair, likes the gym, golf, mountain biking, WLTW shorter lady with nice personality, GSOH, for potential love. Box 443688

WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS...
Easygoing guy, 44, 5ft8, single, OHAC, seeking female, 45-55, for company, friendship, and happy future. Get in touch to find out more. Box 444622

DOWN TO MARGARET!
Young-looking, slim male, 43yr old, 5ft10, enjoys beach walks and cinema, WLTW a mature lady for a committed long term relationship. Margate Box 441705

LET'S MAKE A DATE
Genuine sincere down-to-earth male, 44, 5ft5, likes pubs, cinema, bowling, still outdoors! seeking partner/friend to get to know and see what happens. Box 445025

WITTY
Active, adventurous, articulate male, 43, own home, enjoys shopping, good food, country walks, music, most sports, seeks honest, warm, trusting female. Box 440508

MADE TO BE YOURS
Artistic male, 45, sociable, romantic, likes swimming, cycling, walking, keeping fit, films, seeks likeable lady for lots of love and happiness! Box 445039

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Good looking male, 42, 6'2", well built, muscular, fit, enjoys cars, motor-bike, golf, rugby, socialising, travel, seeks female for friendship, leading to serious relationship. Box 158489

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Hi there, 46yr old male, fit, looking for a relationship with the right person, GSOH essential, romantic times guaranteed. Box 887474

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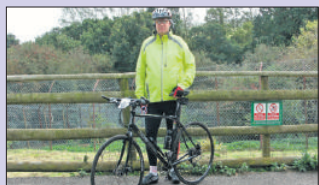
MOTORS NEWS



Dealership does right thing in re-hiring Daniel

MOTORLINE Renault Ashford bosses were wise to re-hire Daniel Peattie – he has sold 14 Renault vans to one customer. Daniel (pictured left) returned to the Hilton Road dealership after working for his father and landed the order by property maintenance specialists Roalco.

Daniel said: "I would love to take all the credit, but I think it really comes down to the reputation Motorline Renault Ashford has built up over the years." But Roalco's Graeme Rayner (pictured right) argued: "It was Daniel's customer service which shone through, as he took care of absolutely everything from the sale of the vans to kitting them out."



Simon saddles up to raise money for charity

DUTTON Forshaw Chrysler, Jeep and Dodge parts advisor Simon Cousins used pedal power to raise nearly £200 for the Aspinall Foundation animal conservation charity.

He took part in the Totally Wild Challenge in aid of wild animal parks at Howletts, near Canterbury, and Port Lympne. Simon said: "It was a great way to raise money for a good cause."

His dealership at Broad Oak Road, Canterbury, has also supplied two Jeeps and a Dodge to help Aspinall Foundation conservation work.



Wait is almost over to sample joys of Infiniti

NISSAN chiefs must be fuming at global financial woes just as the Japanese marque finalises its UK/European launch of the Infiniti luxury brand.

Infiniti has re-tuned its line-up for this side of the Atlantic, only to find their size and power now out of step with our new downsizing trend. Nevertheless, Infiniti should launch in April and will comprise initially of BMW 3-Series class saloon, coupé and convertible models and two SUVs/crossovers (FX37S pictured).



REGENERATION: The Skoda Octavia still relies on technology from VW – which owns the company – but the Czech manufacturer has clearly put its own thoughts and care into the car

At last a Skoda that's worth boasting about

FINALLY, Skoda's transformation is complete.

The previous Octavia was the first modern Skoda for which owners needn't apologise. Its replacement is the first they can really boast about.

Price is still important, but does not have to be; anyone could buy an Octavia and be happy without counting the pounds saved.

It still relies on technology from VW – Skoda's owner since 1991 – and the superb balance of handling and ride is courtesy of the latest Golf, but the Czech manufacturer clearly put its own thoughts and care into the car.

There is lots of useful stowage, hinged luggage/shopping bag hooks in the boot and a well-arranged dashboard, even if the interior follows the solid, but rather austere style of its predecessor.

Everything is logically arranged, but doesn't excite and the standard plastic steering wheel feels distinctly unfriendly even if chrome and durable materials appear elsewhere.

Secondly, for a car majoring on boot space – the hatchback can take 560 litres with rear seats in place and a staggering 1,350 when flat

ROAD TEST SKODA OCTAVIA

BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

– split folding seats should be standard, but do not appear on entry level Classic versions.

Nevertheless, equipment is generous overall and I am carping about a car that starts at just £11,145, pitching it mostly against cars in the smaller Ford Focus category rather than bigger Mondeo class.

Avoid the asthmatic 75bhp 1.4i Classic entry model anyway; at Skoda prices you would be silly not to go for the VW-derived diesels (from £13,750).

The 105bhp 1.9TDI fitted to our test car or 140bhp 2.0TDI, are refined with lots of punch low down the rev range, allowing the driver to be lazy or sporty with gear changes.

Good news now is that the Octavia is also about to get a midlife makeover so there are good deals on outgoing versions including the hot Octavia vRS hatchback pictured (from £17,900), which gets £1,100 of extra equipment for free.

Apart from the hatchback all-rounder, there is also an estate line-up available with all-wheel drive – a cut-price Audi Avant Quattro – and even a higher-riding Scout 4x4 estate.

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Official Government Environment Data. Fuel consumption figures mpg (litres/100km) and CO₂ emissions (g/km). Aveo 1.2 S 5dr: Urban - 39.2 (7.2), Extra-urban - 61.4 (4.6), Combined - 51.4 (5.5). CO₂ emissions 132g/km. Captiva 2.0 VCDi LS 5-seat: Urban - 32.1 (8.8), Extra-urban - 45.6 (6.2), Combined - 39.2 (7.2). CO₂ emissions 191g/km. Matiz 0.8 S 5dr: Urban - 40.9 (6.9), Extra-urban - 67.3 (4.2), Combined - 54.3 (5.2). CO₂ emissions 119g/km.

USED CAR ROUND-UP: OUR PICK FROM A KEY SECTOR

FRENCH FAMILY HATCHBACKS

IN a market sector where products are increasingly similar, the three French motor manufacturers here have created highly individual 'takes' on the big-selling family hatchback. Where they tend to harmonise is with chic and distinctive interiors, superb turbodiesel engine options and ride comfort – a response to rural tracks and the cobbled streets that still criss-cross many city centres in France. This Gallic charm is not to every buyer's taste though, so the three cars in our 'Franco-file' can also be very affordable second-hand.

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PEUGEOT 307



PEUGEOT used to trump its French rivals in this sector, but faces tougher players now. The 307, launched in 2001 and replaced last year, saw Peugeot acknowledge the trend towards MPV styling and gave the 307 a high roofline, while still offering a conventional estate and MPV-like SW alternative. Along with the original three and five-door hatchbacks and a coupé cabriolet with folding metal roof, the 307 has all the bases covered and a fine range of turbodiesel engines.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

CITROËN C4



LIKE Renault, Citroën really needed to pull something special from the hat for its latest family hatch. As a result, the C4 is a far better car than the horribly dull Xsara that it replaced and Citroën has given the five and three-door models a different look each; the former is sleek, futuristic and stylish while the latter is rakish and racy. However, both ride beautifully and share a radical and interesting interior without the irritating quirkiness of old-style Citroëns.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
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Reliability	★★★★★
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RENAULT MEGANE



RENAULT'S second generation Megane arrived in late 2002 and proclaimed that, unlike its predecessor, it would look and stay fresh for the full production run – and it nearly has, with a new car about to arrive. The now famous rear end 'bustle' made the car stand out and buyers flocked to Renault's mid-range model this time around. Apart from a sassy image the Megane offers good diesels, state-of-the-art safety, low running costs and scorching Renaultsport versions.

STAR QUALITY

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Apprenticeships for accountancy staff

TRAINING company BPP Professional Education is offering apprenticeship courses in Association of Accounting Technician qualifications at 13 of its training centres across the UK.

This follows it getting funding from the Learning and Skills Council. It will offer two qualifications under the scheme, accountancy and payroll, but only the payroll courses will be offered in Kent, at its Maidstone centre.

To be eligible students must be aged between 16-24 years, although some centres offer funding for over 25s.

Students must be working in a full-time accountancy or payroll related role, be able to attend a BPP classroom course if taking the accountancy qualification and must not be a graduate.

Talk on UK economy

David Frost, director general of the British Chambers of Commerce (BCC), will be addressing the Annual General Meeting of the Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce.

It takes place on October 10 at Ashford Business Point, the chamber's head office.

Mr Frost will speak on the subject of "The outlook for the UK economy and the actions the BCC is taking to promote the interests of the business community".

The BCC, Kent Invicta Chamber and other BCC accredited chambers are shortly to launch a Business-Network-Online Service.

This will be an exclusive online networking and trading portal from the chamber network - connecting businesses to the Ultimate Business Network on a local, regional and national level.

Climate change awards

KENT small businesses with big ideas to tackle climate change are being urged to compete for awards of up to £40,000 each through the Shell Springboard programme which is in its fourth year.

Up to six awards of between £20,000 and £40,000 are on offer in each of three UK regions, and one of them is southern England and East Anglia.

Last year awards of £40,000 were made to five businesses from across the UK. The deadline for entries is November 7.

Full details and an online application form can be found at www.shell.springboard.org.

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IDENTITY FRAUD: Survey highlighted number of people who have lost mobile phones and other hand-held devices containing important information such as bank account details

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■ BY TONY PATEY

that we lose a lot of valuable information that could be used by fraudsters to steal our identity."

A survey conducted by the firm among customers in April revealed that 16 per cent put PIN numbers on their mobile devices while 24 per cent recorded birthday dates.

And an amazing half said they stored bank details on laptops, mobiles and BlackBerrys.

"The advent of chip and PIN and an increased focus on electronic security mean that more passwords and PINs need to be remembered than ever before," said Mr Munroe. "But that can be a challenge, especially if you have several bank accounts and credit cards."

"Consumers really must not store those

numbers and passwords on their mobiles or BlackBerrys. Fraudsters are very clever and can quickly go through an address book to spot the number that clearly isn't a telephone number.

"While most people now recognise the importance of securing their laptops, many don't do the same for their mobile phones or other hand-held equipment.

"All should be password-protected and users should avoid storing key personal information on them. The moral of the story is don't put it on there if you don't have to."

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Sin-binning turning point as Thanet fall to new boys

Picture: DAVE STEWART



CAUGHT OUT: Thanet found the going tough against league newcomers Gravesend

THANET Wanderers were unable to build on their first win of the season last week as they were beaten at home by newly-promoted Gravesend.

The home side spent the first five minutes stuck deep in their own half, with a tremendous number of penalties being called against them.

Despite this, Thanet were first to put points on the board when Richard Eldridge kicked a penalty to make the score 3-0 after eight minutes. This was followed by the sin-binning of Bradley Teall for too many professional fouls.

Gravesend took full advantage of Thanet being down to 14 men, first with full-back Moorey going over

RUGBY

Thanet Wanderers 8 Gravesend 21

the line, which was followed seconds later with scrum-half Clement scoring from what looked to be a forward pass. Both kicks were converted by fly-half Gray which took the score to 3-14.

Thanet continued to press with Stuart Plumridge passing to Tom Ash who was penalised for apparently holding on five metres out.

Thanet finally crossed the line after a stolen scrum and quick

hands between Andrew Letts and Plumridge allowed Jimmy Green to drive over for the try.

The conversion attempt was missed leaving the score 8-14.

Gravesend made the only score of a pretty uneventful second half, with lock Abbey going over for the try in the second minute after the interval which was duly converted by Gray to increase his side's lead to 8-21.

Thanet upped their game in the last 20 minutes of the match, with winger Jimmy King being caught just two metres short of the line, and Longdon unable to cross when he made a break right at the end of the game.

Second string bow out at Homelands

RAMSGATE reserves crashed out of the Kent Intermediate Cup at the weekend as they lost heavily at Ashford Town.

The Rams' second string were beaten 5-2 at The Homelands by a strong Ashford side.

Elliott Galbraith scored for Ramsgate, while the Thanet side's other score came through an own goal.

Margate's reserves have another bite of the cherry as they held Dartford to a 1-1 draw at the weekend to set up a replay at Hartsdown Park.

Ramsgate and Margate's reserves played out the first Thanet derby of the season last night in the Kent Floodlight Trophy East.

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Ebbfleet's Liam Daish gives his reaction to Monday night's game against Histon

Schools race back

THE popular Thanet Primary Schools Cross-Country League returns with the first meeting of this school year this weekend.

The event, organised by Thanet Road-runners Athletics Club, is to be held at Newington Community Primary School in Ramsgate, on Saturday.

The competition is open to all schools and to all girls and boys in Years three to six. Years three and four will run one-kilometre while Years five and six will run 1.5k.

All those finishing receive a medal, with awards for first, second and third in each race and trophies for the individual and team champions at the end of the season.

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Swifts fly rings around Rams as woes continue

FOOTBALL

BY YOURTHANET REPORTER

Heybridge Swifts 3



Ramsgate 1



RAMSGATE continue to struggle in the Ryman Premier this season as they went down to lowly Heybridge Swifts at the weekend.

The Swifts were without a win in the league, which is no consolation to the Rams fans who are yet to see their side put together a consistent run this campaign.

After last season's endeavours in reaching the play-offs and winning the Ryman Cup, Jim Ward's side have found life tough, particularly at home where they are yet to register a win.

Their frailties in defence were highlighted once again as they conceded three goals to a team that were sitting bottom of the division.

The game was fairly even for the first 20 minutes with both sides having chances without ever really testing either goalkeeper.

However, the home side did take the lead after 24 minutes when Swifts' skipper Adam Gillespie fed a fine ball through to Neil Cousins who broke free and calmly placed the ball beyond Jack Delo.

New signing Byron Walker looked dangerous going forward for the Rams, but the game remained 1-0 going into the break.

Cousins and Chris Bourne had chances for the home side in the second half, while strikers Mo Takaloo and Jay May were finding life difficult against a defence that seemed to have a new lease of life.

The game sparked into life in the final ten minutes as the Swifts scored their second goal of the afternoon through Bourne's free kick.

The home side were in control and substitute Mark Reddaway made sure of Heybridge's first win of the season when he volleyed past a stranded Delo to make it 3-0.

Ramsgate launched a last chance attack in stoppage time and were rewarded when Frank Everett was forced to turn the ball into his own net.

Ramsgate manager Jim Ward has moved to try and shore up his leaky defence with the signings of Grant Duff and Ryan Royston.

Duff, who played for the Rams in pre-season from Ebbfleet United, has now joined the side after he was released by Sittingbourne.

He is likely to feature at left back in place of Joe Dowley who has returned to Sittingbourne.

Former Maidstone United player Royston has also signed from Ryman South side Cray Wanderers.



EYES HAVE IT: Ramsgate midfielder Andy Hadden, who was part of the side that lost to lowly Heybridge

Picture: ION KIPPO

Errant finishing proves to be costly for young side

FOOTBALL

BY GLENN PEARSON

Margate 2



Hastings United 3



FOOTBALL can be a cruel game and Margate's young side found out the hard way as they were made to pay for a lack of cutting-edge up front and slack defending in conceding three poor goals.

Blues boss Barry Ashby kept with the same side that beat Ashford Town and drew with Tonbridge Angels, but they were unable to replicate the strength in defence in those games where they kept two clean sheets.

It all started so well for the Blues as they took a sixth-minute lead through young striker Kenny Pratt.

Majority

Fellow striker Michael Power picked out Pratt who showed great determination to shake off his defender before rounding the goalkeeper and nonchalantly slotting the ball home for his first goal for the Blues.

The home side's lead lasted just 11 minutes as Hastings equalised against the run of play. Andy Ballard's long throw found Ben White who was given space to turn and hit the ball into the net.

Despite Margate having the majority of the



BATTLING: Dan Stubbs (left) scored Margate's second goal but it wasn't enough to give the Blues the three points

chances, it was the visitors who took the lead. Sam Adams, a target of Ashford Town this summer, lined up a 25-yard free kick which he

Margate starting XI



Subs used: Quain (Smith 69mins) Axon (Gregory 69)

dispatched into the top left-hand corner of Lee Butcher's goal.

Gate almost hit back immediately, but no Margate player was on hand to slot the ball home when Dan Stubbs' effort came crashing back off the post.

The home side came out with renewed vigour and had two early chances through Power.

The Blues were then denied by two clearances off the line from a Paul Smith header and an Aaron Quain effort.

However, with just ten minutes left the Blues got the equaliser they deserved.

The ball fell to Danny Stubbs 20-yards from goal and the young midfielder rifled the ball into the top corner for his first goal since moving from Ebbsfleet United.

Margate went in search of a winner and came close two minutes from time when Quain's free kick was saved and Stubbs shot over the bar.

The Blues were made to pay for not being clinical in front of goal as Hastings snatched a cruel winner in the last minute.

The Blues defence failed to clear another Ballard long throw which dropped nicely for Marc Whiteman who fired in from close range to earn his side three points.

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FOOTBALL



QUANDARY: Ashby is concerned with his side's defence

'Ridiculous' defending is costing us, fumes Ashby

BLUES manager Barry Ashby was left frustrated with his side after they conceded three poor goals in the defeat to Hastings United at the weekend.

Going into the game on the back of two clean sheets, his team had gained some confidence with the back four of Ryan Peters, Dan Kerrigan, Dan Young and Curtis Robinson performing well.

However, the defence were unable to deal with the long throw adopted by Hastings and Ashby was far from impressed.

He told the club's website: "We've got a young team, but we've enough games and enough training to start to understand things (in defence).

"It doesn't matter what level you play at, if you give teams chances like we're giving them, I mean it's ridiculous.

"Yes, we created loads of chances, but we missed loads of chances. The positive to take out of it is we created chances. But you can't concede three goals like we conceded."

Midfielder Dan Stubbs registered his first goal for the club since signing from Ebbsfleet United in the close season.

He was delighted with his strike that pulled the Gate level at 2-2, but concedes it means precious little as the side slumped to a last-minute defeat.

He said: "The ball dropped to me very nicely. No-one came to close me down, I saw the top corner and I thought I might as well go for it. The lads liked it, so I'm not going to say no to that one.

"I was just gutted that it didn't mean anything at the end of the day.

"To be fair, I thought we did very well in the first half considering the conditions. We should have taken our chances, but it was just one of those games."

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2 Staines Town	11	7	3	1	+10	24
3 Tooting & Mitcham	12	7	1	4	+4	22
4 Carshalton Athletic	11	7	1	3	+4	22
5 Ashford Town (Mx)	11	7	0	4	+11	21
6 Maidstone United	11	6	2	3	+7	20
7 Tonbridge Angels	11	6	2	3	+6	20
8 Canvey Island	11	5	3	3	+8	18
9 Boreham Wood	11	5	3	3	+3	18
10 Harlow Town	11	5	2	4	+5	17
11 Billericay Town	11	4	3	4	-3	15
12 Sutton United	11	4	3	4	-4	15
13 Dartford	11	4	2	5	-2	14
14 Horsham	11	4	1	6	-6	13
15 Hastings United	11	4	0	7	-6	12
16 AFC Hornchurch	10	3	2	5	-5	11
17 Ramsgate	12	2	4	6	-9	10
18 Wealdstone	10	2	3	5	-1	9
19 Margate	11	2	3	6	-8	9
20 Heybridge Swifts	11	1	4	6	-6	7
21 Harrow Borough	11	1	4	6	-13	7
22 Hendon	11	1	2	8	-11	5

FIXTURES

Saturday, October 11

Ryman Premier Division - Ramsgate v Canvey Island

Tuesday, October 14

Ryman Premier Division - Dartford v Margate, Ramsgate v Carshalton Athletic

Ville ladies outshine their male counterparts with battling win

HOCKEY

IT was a mixed bag for Cliftonville's hockey sides at the weekend as the club's men's 1st XI lost, while the ladies won.

The men lost 4-1 at home to league newcomers Langley Park. The visitors cruised to a two-goal lead before Alex Taylor pulled one back for Ville.

Park had other ideas though as they hit back with a further two goals to consign Ville to an opening-day defeat.

The club's 2nd XI had to come from behind at the weekend as they drew 1-1 with Tunbridge Wells.

Wells opened the scoring 12 minutes before the break, but Tony Burton levelled in the second half to earn his side a point.

The 3rd XI lost their last friendly of pre-season 3-0 to a strong Ashford side.

It was the ladies' 1sts who got Cliftonville's first win of the weekend after a hard-fought victory over Gravesend 2nd XI.

Ville settled quickly and were awarded a number of penalty corners which they failed to convert.

They always seemed to be on the brink of scoring, but some last-ditch defending from Gravesend and some vital saves from their keeper denied Ville time and time again.

The home side finally breached the Gravesend defence with a drive through midfield from Tracy Ballard passing to Christine Russell who took the ball into the D and dispatched past the goalkeeper.

The ladies' 2nd XI also ran out 5-1 winners against Dartford 2nd XI, thanks to a brace from Hayley Sheppard and further strikes from Kate Bastow, Holly Cobb and Jade Bond.



TOUGH: Cliftonville Ladies won a hard-fought exciting game against the Gravesend second string on Saturday

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